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EconUnit Chief delivered reftel talking points to Reinhard Knorreck, Deputy Head of the Ministry of Economics' International Energy Affairs Division. Knorreck said that the GoA strongly endorsed the USG approach to intensify dialogue with India and China, with the ultimate aim of full IEA membership. Knorreck stressed that it would be important for the IEA and its membership to obtain complete Indian and Chinese ownership of the process to ensure a successful outcome. On the question of bringing non-OECD members into the IEA, Knorreck opined that procedurally this would not be a problem, if a political consensus existed to offer Beijing and New Delhi a closer relationship with the IEA.
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